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REFS: A) PEKING 1678 B) PEKING 1667 (NOTAL)

- 1. IN OCTOBER 17 CALL ON ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF SCA, CHINESE DID NOT CITE AN INSTANCE OF ATTEMPTED BAGGAGE SEARCH OTHER THAN THE ONE REPORTED IN STATE 213212. TO DEPARTMENT'S KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAS BEEN NO OTHER SUCH INCIDENT; IN ANY EVENT, PRCLO HAS NOT BEEN BACK WITH COMPLAINTS SINCE THEN. (CHINESE COMPLAINTS THEN, OTHER THAN THOSE REPORTED AT THE TIME, HAD TO DO WITH INS FAILURE TO PUT THE WORD "DIPLOMATIC" ON 1-94'S OF TWO PRCLO OFFICIALS.)
- 2. HAVING TAKEN THE "RECIPROCAL ACTION" OF INSTITUTING "DIPLOMATIC NO. 2" VISAS FOR USLO PERSONNEL IN RESPONSE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO OUR USE OF B-1 DIPLOMATIC VISAS FOR PRCLO PERSONNEL,

CHINESE MAY BE CONTENT, AS WE ARE, TO LET THE MATTER REST THERE. HOWEVER, USLO PERSONNEL (AND OTHER USG PERSONNEL TRAVELING IN DIPLOMATIC STATUS) SHOULD NOT ON THEIR OWN ACQUIESCE IN ANY CHINESE ATTEMPT TO SEARCH THEIR PERSONAL BAGGAGE (SEE RELEVANT SECTION OF LAST APRIL'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING). AS FIRST STEP, PERSON CONCERNED SHOULD TRY TO FIND OUT ON WHAT GROUNDS THE PRC OFFICIALS WANT TO MAKE THE SEARCH. NEXT STEP. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, SHOULD BE TO PHONE USLO. IF USLO CAN BE CON-TACTED AND IS AT ITS DISCRETION PREPARED TO DESIGNATE THE PERSON CONCERNED AS ITS "AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE" TO WITNESS THE INSPECTION, SEARCH MAY PROCEED SUBJECT TO SUCH LATER USG PROTEST AS MAY BE WARRANTED. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, ANYONE (E.G., USTASKI) WHO MIGHT RUN INTO THIS PROBLEM IN TRYING TO ENTER PRC FROM HONG KONG AND WHO IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FROM USLO SHOULD RETURN TO HONG KONG.

3. ANY SUCH INCIDENT SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO DEPARTMENT, BUT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS ADEQUATE BASIS FOR USLO TO MAKE INITIAL REPRESENTATIONS TO MFA. KISSINGER

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